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SUMMARY

An analytical investigation has been made to determine the dynamic longitudinal and lateral stability and response of the HL-10 entry vehicle with particular reference to low-speed, high-angle-of-attack conditions. The calculations were made for light and heavy wing loadings for both sea level and altitude flight. The results of the calculations have been analyzed in terms of existing military specifications for handling qualities of piloted airplanes, although it is realized that in some areas these criteria may not be directly applicable to piloted entry vehicles. For comparison purposes, some of the results of the investigation have also been analyzed in terms of several proposed criteria for piloted entry vehicles.

The results indicated that the HL-10 vehicle was dynamically longitudinally and laterally stable for the conditions investigated, but that artificial damping in pitch and roll was required for some conditions in order to achieve a satisfactory degree of stability based on military handling qualities specifications for piloted airplanes. The lateral control provided by the ailerons gave satisfactory roll response in terms of a proposed criterion for piloted entry vehicles which requires that the ailerons produce a bank angle of at least 30° in 1 second; but an evaluation of the response of the roll control in terms of the sideslip induced, as well as the roll rate, indicates that the lateral control characteristics of the vehicle may be marginal.

INTRODUCTION

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is conducting a number of experimental and analytical investigations to provide some fundamental information on the HL-10 manned lifting entry vehicle at speeds from low subsonic to hypersonic (for example, see ref. 1). These studies are aimed at developing a lifting-body configuration which







will have a hypersonic lift-drag ratio of about 1.0, a subsonic lift-drag ratio sufficiently high to allow a conventional glide landing, and adequate stability and control and handling qualities characteristics over the entire design operational range.

The present analytical investigation was conducted to provide some basic information on the low-speed dynamic longitudinal and lateral stability and control and handling qualities characteristics of the HL-10 vehicle. Calculations were made to determine the period and damping of the longitudinal and lateral modes of motion and also time histories of the vehicle dynamic response following elevator, aileron, and rudder inputs. These calculations were made over an angle-of-attack range from 14° to 45° for sea level and altitude conditions and for light and heavy wing loadings.

The results of the investigation are presented in the form of time histories, periods, and time to damp to one-half amplitude of the longitudinal and lateral oscillations. Where possible, the results are discussed in terms of handling qualities parameters which are in current usage for entry vehicle configurations.

SYMBOLS

The longitudinal data are referred to the stability-axes system and the lateral data are referred to the body-axes system. The origin of the axes is located at the reference center of gravity shown in figures 1 and 2. Dimensional values are given both in U.S. Customary Units and in the International System of Units (SI). Conversion factors relating the two systems are given in reference 2.

b	reference span, feet (meters)
$C_{\mathbf{A}}$	axial-force coefficient (-CX), Axial force/ $q_{\infty}S$
$C^{\mathbf{D}}$	drag coefficient, $Drag/q_{\infty}S$
$c_{\mathbf{L}}$	lift coefficient, Lift/ $q_{\infty}S$
\mathbf{c}_l	rolling-moment coefficient, $M_{\mbox{X}}/q_{\infty}Sb$
$C_{\mathbf{m}}$	pitching-moment coefficient, My/ $q_\infty S_\ell$
c_N	normal-force coefficient (-Cz), Normal force/ $q_{\infty}S$
C_n	yawing-moment coefficient, $M_{\rm Z}/q_{\infty}Sb$







 $C_{\mbox{\scriptsize Y}}$ lateral-force coefficient, Lateral force/q $_{\mbox{\scriptsize \infty}} \mbox{S}$

 $C_{1/2}$ cycles to damp to one-half amplitude

D drag, pounds (newtons)

Fy side force, pounds (newtons)

f_n longitudinal short-period undamped natural frequency, cycles/second

g acceleration due to gravity, feet/second² (meters/second²)

 I_{X},I_{Y},I_{Z} moments of inertia about body axes, slug-feet² (kilogram-meters²)

 I_{XZ} product of inertia in XZ-plane (positive when principal axis is inclined

below X-axis), slug-feet² (kilogram-meters²)

L lift, pounds (newtons)

L/D lift-drag ratio

body length, feet (meters)

M Mach number

M_X rolling moment, foot-pounds (meter-newtons)

My pitching moment, foot-pounds (meter-newtons)

MZ yawing moment, foot-pounds (meter-newtons)

m vehicle mass, slugs (kilograms)

P period, seconds

p rolling angular velocity, radians/second

q pitching angular velocity, radians/second

 q_{∞} dynamic pressure, $\rho V^2/2$, pounds/foot² (newtons/meter²)





r	yawing angular velocity, radians/second
S	wing area, feet ² (meters ²)
t _{1/2}	time to damp to one-half amplitude, seconds
v	velocity, feet/second (meters/second)
W	weight, pounds (newtons)
W/S	wing loading, pounds/foot ²
X,Y,Z	body reference axes
α	angle of attack, degrees
β	angle of sideslip, degrees
γ	flight-path angle, positive when flight path is above horizon, degrees
$\delta_{\mathbf{a}}$	aileron deflection $\delta_{\mbox{\footnotesize{eR}}}$ - $\delta_{\mbox{\footnotesize{eL}}}$, degrees or radians
$\delta_{\mathbf{e}}$	elevator deflection $(\delta_{eR} + \delta_{eL})/2$, degrees or radians
$\delta_{\mathbf{eR}}$	deflection of right aileron, positive with trailing edge down, degrees
$\delta_{ ext{eL}}$	deflection of left aileron, positive with trailing edge down, degrees
$\delta_{f r}$	rudder deflection, positive when rudder trailing edge is deflected to left, degrees
€	angle between principal longitudinal axis of inertia and longitudinal body axis, positive when reference axis is above principal axis at nose, degrees
ζ	ratio of damping in system to critical damping
θ	angle of pitch, degrees
μ	relative density factor, m/ρSt



$$\phi$$
 angle of roll, degrees

$$\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$$
 roll-sideslip ratio

$$\frac{|\phi|}{|v_a|}$$
 ratio of roll angle to equivalent side velocity, degrees/feet/second

$$\psi$$
 angle of yaw, degrees

$$\omega_{\mathrm{d}}$$
 undamped natural frequency of Dutch roll mode, radians/second

$$\omega_{\phi}$$
 undamped natural frequency of numerator quadratic in transfer function of roll to aileron input, radians/second

$$\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{\mathrm{d}}}\right)^{2}$$
 steady-state rolling effectiveness parameter

$$C_{lp} = \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \frac{pb}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{l_r} = \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \frac{rb}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{l_{\beta}} = \frac{\partial C_{l}}{\partial \beta}$$
, per degree

$$C_{l \delta_{a}} = \frac{\partial C_{l}}{\partial \delta_{a}}$$
, per degree

$$C_{l \delta_r} = \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \delta_r}$$
, per degree

$$C_{mq} = \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \frac{ql}{2V}}$$
, per radian



$$C_{m_{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha}$$
, per degree

$$C_{m_{\delta_e}} = \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \delta_e}$$
, per degree

$$C_{Nq} = \frac{\partial C_N}{\partial \frac{ql}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{np} = \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \frac{pb}{2V}}, \text{ per radian}$$

$$C_{nr} = \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \frac{rb}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{n_{\beta}} = \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \beta}$$
, per degree

$$C_{n_{\delta_a}} = \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \delta_a}$$
, per degree

$$C_{n_{\delta_{\mathbf{r}}}} = \frac{\partial C_{n}}{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{r}}}$$
, per degree

$$C_{\mathbf{X}_{\delta_e}} = \frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{X}}}{\partial \delta_e}$$
, per degree

$$C_{Yp} = \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \frac{pb}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{Y_r} = \frac{\partial C_Y}{\partial \frac{rb}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{\mathbf{Y}_{\beta}} = \frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{Y}}}{\partial \beta}$$
, per degree



$$_{\alpha}$$
 $C_{Y_{\delta_a}} = \frac{\partial C_{Y}}{\partial \delta_a}$, per degree

$$C_{\mathbf{Y}_{\delta_{\mathbf{r}}}} = \frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{Y}}}{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{r}}}$$
, per degree

$$C_{Z_{\delta_e}} = \frac{\partial C_Z}{\partial \delta_e}$$
, per degree

$$C_{Y\dot{\beta}} = \frac{\partial C_{Y}}{\partial \frac{\dot{\beta}b}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{n\dot{\beta}} = \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \frac{\dot{\beta}b}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{N\dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial C_N}{\partial \frac{\dot{\alpha}l}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{A_{\dot{\alpha}}} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \frac{\dot{\alpha}l}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{m\dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \frac{\dot{\alpha}l}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{Aq} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \frac{ql}{2V}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{N_q} + C_{N_{\stackrel{\bullet}{\alpha}}}$$
, per radian

$$C_{A_0} + C_{A_0}$$
, per radian

 $C_{Aq} + C_{A_{\alpha}}$, per radian pitching oscillatory stability derivatives



$$\begin{array}{c} C_{\mathbf{Yp}} + C_{\mathbf{Y}_{\dot{\beta}}^{\star}} \sin \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ C_{\mathbf{np}} + C_{\mathbf{n}_{\dot{\beta}}^{\star}} \sin \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ C_{l\,\mathbf{p}} + C_{l\,\dot{\beta}} \sin \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ \end{array} \right\} \ \mathrm{rolling\ oscillatory\ stability\ derivatives}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} C_{l\,\mathbf{p}} + C_{l\,\dot{\beta}} \cos \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ C_{\mathbf{r}} - C_{\mathbf{r}_{\dot{\beta}}^{\star}} \cos \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ \end{array} \right\} \ \mathrm{yawing\ oscillatory\ stability\ derivatives}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} C_{l\,\mathbf{r}} - C_{l\,\dot{\beta}} \cos \alpha, \ \mathrm{per\ radian} \\ \end{array} \right\} \ \mathrm{yawing\ oscillatory\ stability\ derivatives}$$

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

A three-view drawing of the HL-10 vehicle is shown in figure 2. The vehicle has a 74° delta planform with a thick, negatively cambered airfoil section and has tip fins and a center fin. The negative camber provides the desired hypersonic trim conditions with 0° elevator deflection. The present three-fin arrangement has evolved as a result of many tests over a speed range from subsonic to hypersonic, and it provides positive directional stability throughout this speed range. For low-speed flights, the base area of the vehicle is reduced by boattailing to provide increased performance. For Mach numbers from about 0.5 to 1.0, the base area is increased to provide improved longitudinal stability characteristics in this speed range. The change in base area is accomplished by moving flaps located on the inner and outer surfaces of the tip fins and on the upper surface of the elevon. (See refs. 3 and 4.) The vehicle with the base area reduced is referred to as the subsonic configuration and that with the base area increased is referred to as the transonic configuration.

CALCULATIONS AND METHODS OF ANALYSIS

Calculations were made to determine the longitudinal and lateral dynamic stability and response of the HL-10 manned lifting entry vehicle. The dimensions and mass characteristics of the test vehicle are given in table I.

Longitudinal Calculations

An analysis of the longitudinal dynamic stability of the vehicle was made to determine the period and damping of the longitudinal short-period mode. The calculations were made by using the method of reference 5, which employs linear equations with two





degrees of freedom. The results are expressed in terms of the inverse cyclic damping $1/C_{1/2}$, the natural frequency f_n , and the damping ratio ζ . The predicted short-period characteristics are compared with the military handling qualities requirements of reference 6, which are the present-day criteria for military aircraft. The results are also compared with the proposed criteria of reference 7 for piloted reentry vehicles. In addition, time histories of vehicle motions are calculated by using the nonlinear equations of motion given in the appendix in a digital computer program to determine the longitudinal motion subsequent to elevator step inputs.

Lateral Calculations

Linear three-degree-of-freedom lateral equations of motion similar to those of reference 8 were used to calculate the damping and period of the lateral modes of motion. The sensitivities of the damping and period to changes in the various aerodynamic stability derivatives were also determined. In conjunction with the linear analysis, calculations were made of the roll – side-velocity parameter $\frac{|\phi|}{|v_e|}$ and the inverse cyclic damping of the lateral oscillation. The results are compared with the handling qualities

requirements of reference 6. The aileron rolling effectiveness parameter $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}\right)^{2}$ of

reference 9 was evaluated, and in addition, the six-degree-of-freedom nonlinear equations of the appendix were used to obtain time histories of the lateral motion subsequent to both step and pulse inputs of the ailerons and rudder.

Stability Derivatives and Control Characteristics

Longitudinal. - The static longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the configuration are presented in figure 3. The data were obtained from the results reported in reference 3. These data were extrapolated to an angle of attack of 45° on the basis of the smaller scale data of reference 10 in order that dynamic longitudinal stability calculations could be made for this angle of attack. The dynamic longitudinal stability derivatives used in the investigation, taken from reference 10, are presented in figure 4.

<u>Lateral</u>.- The static and dynamic lateral stability derivatives used in the calculations are presented in figures 5 and 6, respectively. The incremental lateral force and moment coefficients produced by aileron and rudder deflections are presented in figure 7. All these lateral data are obtained from the results of the investigation of reference 10.

It should be noted that the stability derivatives used in the calculations are those measured in low-subsonic tests. At the time the calculations were made, no other derivatives were available and it was assumed that the low-subsonic data generally applied





throughout the speed range under investigation (Mach numbers up to 0.8). However, high-subsonic wind-tunnel data which were obtained later (ref. 4) showed that the configuration experienced a loss in static longitudinal stability with increasing speed (see fig. 8). This undesirable characteristic at Mach numbers above about 0.5 could be eliminated by employing the transonic configuration, for which the static longitudinal stability at the higher subsonic speeds was about the same as that for the subsonic configuration at low speeds. A similar result was achieved for the lateral stability derivatives. For example, the data of figure 9 show that the lateral stability derivatives for the transonic configuration at Mach numbers above about 0.5 were very similar to those for the subsonic configuration at low speeds. The results of figures 8 and 9, therefore, indicate that the calculated results should give good representation of the dynamic behavior of the subsonic configuration at low speeds and, in addition, should give a fairly good indication of the dynamic behavior of the transonic configuration at the higher subsonic speeds.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Longitudinal Stability

The results of the calculations have been analyzed in terms of existing military specifications for handling qualities of piloted airplanes, although it is realized that in some areas these criteria may not be directly applicable to piloted entry vehicles. For comparison purposes, some of the results of the investigation have also been analyzed in terms of several proposed criteria for piloted entry vehicles.

The results of the simple two-degree-of-freedom calculations to determine the period and damping of the longitudinal short-period mode of motion are presented in figure 10. These calculations were made for sea level and for an altitude of 55 000 feet (16.8 km) for light and heavy wing loadings. The damping results are presented in terms of the time factor $1/t_{1/2}$ since increasing values of $1/t_{1/2}$ correspond to increasing values of damping. The data show that the configuration was stable for the conditions investigated. At sea level, the vehicle had values of $1/t_{1/2}$ that decreased from about 1 at the lower angles of attack (oscillation damps to one-half amplitude in 1 second) to about 0.75 at an angle of attack of 33°. A further increase in angle of attack resulted in an increase in damping. As expected, increasing altitude or wing loading reduced the damping because such changes increased the relative density factor μ .

Presented in figure 11 are the damping results for the light-wing-loading, sea level condition together with the military specification of flying qualities for piloted airplanes. (See ref. 6.) The boundary shown in this figure specifies the minimum value of $1/C_{1/2}$ required for satisfactory damping of the short-period longitudinal mode of motion. The calculated data points for the basic (unaugmented) vehicle are below this boundary, an





indication that the vehicle would have unsatisfactory longitudinal handling qualities. With the addition of artificial damping in pitch (C_{m_q} increased by -0.5), the damping of the vehicle is increased enough to move most of the calculated data points above the specified boundary and thereby indicate satisfactory longitudinal handling qualities characteristics. The data of figures 10 and 11 indicate that considerably higher values of artificial damping in pitch would be required to achieve satisfactory longitudinal damping at an altitude above sea level than would be required at sea level.

For the past few years, considerable effort has been directed toward more specific longitudinal handling qualities requirements than those given in reference 6. (For example, see ref. 7.) Extensive work has been done with variable stability airplanes wherein the stick force characteristics were kept unaltered and the aerodynamics were artificially varied. The studies gave qualitative information in the form of pilot opinion and quantitative information in the form of time histories. The results of this work are still in preliminary form but are of sufficient interest to warrant including some of the suggested boundary specifications in the present analysis for comparison purposes. An example of the handling qualities information derived in these studies is given in figure 12. Presented in this figure is a plot of the undamped natural frequency f_n as a function of the short-period damping ratio ζ , together with flying qualities boundaries specified by the solid lines. It is of interest to note that the results of this figure are in good agreement with those of figure 11 in that the basic vehicle is shown to have unsatisfactory or unacceptable handling qualities. Also, it is seen that the addition of artificial damping in pitch yields acceptable or satisfactory vehicle handling qualities.

Longitudinal Response

In order to provide some basic information regarding the control response behavior of the HL-10 vehicle at sea level, calculations were made for a value of W/S of 36.10 for several angles of attack to obtain time histories in pitch following a step elevator input. These results, which are presented in figure 13, show that the motion following an abrupt change in control position was quite oscillatory. This oscillatory motion is apparently related to the low damping of the short-period mode previously discussed. Results of simulator studies indicate that this type of oscillatory response to elevator control is very objectionable to the pilot and is the primary reason for the unacceptable flight behavior for these conditions. Results of figure 14 present the time histories following elevator inputs when artificial damping in pitch is added to the system. As can be seen, the dynamic overshoot in angle of attack and the oscillatory tendency following a change in elevator position were appreciably reduced from those of the basic vehicle.





Lateral Stability

Presented in figure 15 are the period and damping characteristics of the lateral modes of motion. These calculations were made for sea level and for an altitude of 55 000 feet (16.8 km) for light and heavy wing loadings. For the sea level condition the data of figure 15 show values of $1/t_{1/2}$ for the Dutch roll mode from about 1.0 to 1.2 (oscillation damps to one-half amplitude in about 1.0 to 0.8 seconds) in the low-angle-of-attack range and show an increase in damping with an increase in angle of attack. Increasing altitude decreased the Dutch roll damping by a factor of about 3.0 over the angle-of-attack range investigated. The roll subsidence mode was also stable for all cases, but increasing altitude decreased the damping of this mode in about the same proportion as that for the Dutch roll mode. The spiral mode was stable at low angles of attack but became unstable for all cases above an angle of attack of about 23° .

Presented in figure 16 are the damping characteristics of the vehicle in terms of the military specifications for flying qualities of piloted airplanes (see ref. 6). This figure shows a plot of the inverse cyclic damping $1/C_{1/2}$ as a function of the roll – side-

velocity ratio $\frac{|\phi|}{|v_e|}$. The upper boundary in this plot specifies the value of $1/C_{1/2}$

required for satisfactory Dutch roll damping. The results of this figure show that the vehicle had satisfactory damping at sea level, but at an altitude of 55 000 feet (16.8 km) the damping decreased to the extent that the Dutch roll characteristics were unacceptable of the control of the c

Past studies of dynamic stability with highly swept configurations have indicated

that the use of artificial stabilization in roll was very effective for increasing the lateral damping and for providing satisfactory Dutch roll characteristics. In order to obtain some fundamental information of this type on the present vehicle, calculations were made to determine the effect of variations in several lateral stability derivatives on the Dutch roll and aperiodic lateral modes. The results are presented in figure 17 and show, as expected, that increasing C_{lp} negatively (increasing damping in roll) gave very pronounced increases in the damping of the Dutch roll and roll subsidence modes. It can also be seen that increasing C_{np} positively increased the Dutch roll damping, but this increase in Dutch roll damping was obtained at the expense of reduced damping of the roll subsidence mode. Analysis indicated that increasing C_{np} positively did not appreciably change the total damping but rather redistributed the damping in the system. Variations in the yawing derivatives C_{nr} and $C_{l\beta}$ are shown to have relatively small effects on the damping of the lateral modes for the particular range of derivatives

investigated.



The effect of $C_{l\,p}$ on the damping characteristics of the vehicle is shown in figure 18 in terms of the military specifications for satisfactory Dutch roll damping. The results of this figure show that for an angle of attack of $21^{\rm O}$ and an altitude of 55 000 feet (16.8 km), a value of $C_{l\,p}$ of about -0.8 is required to achieve satisfactory damping.

Another point illustrated in figure 18 is the effect of $C_{l\,\beta}$ on the parameter $\frac{|\phi|}{|v_e|}$. In addition to having a sizable effect on $1/C_{1/2}$, changes in $C_{l\,\beta}$ also produced large changes in the values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|v_e|}$. It appears from this figure that for the vehicle conditions which show high values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|v_e|}$, a reduction in $-C_{l\,\beta}$ may be desirable or a reduction in $-C_{l\,\beta}$ in combination with increases in $-C_{l\,p}$ may be the most effective means of achieving the desired results. It should be pointed out, however, that the feasibility of reducing $-C_{l\,\beta}$ for this purpose may be limited because of adverse effects on the spiral mode (see fig. 17).

The results of time-history motion studies to determine the lateral damping characteristics of the vehicle are presented in figure 19. In these calculations, the ailerons were pulsed right and left and returned to neutral to start a lateral oscillation. The results of figure 19 appear to substantiate the period and damping characteristics presented earlier in that the lateral or Dutch roll oscillation at sea level is well damped, as indicated by the rapid decay in the amplitudes of the oscillations. Also, increasing wing loading did not appreciably affect the lateral damping, but increasing altitude produced a marked deterioration in the damping of the vehicle.

Lateral Response

The calculated lateral response of the HL-10 vehicle following a step aileron input is shown in figures 20 to 22 for the wing loading and altitude conditions investigated. This information is presented in the form of time histories of the roll and yaw rates and the roll, yaw, and sideslip angular displacements. Some significant points shown in figures 20 to 22 are that right-aileron deflection produces positive yaw and roll rates and positive initial roll, yaw, and sideslip angles. The positive yaw angles generated are expected because the vehicle has favorable aileron yaw characteristics (see fig. 7(a)). At first, the positive values of sideslip seem to be in disagreement with the positive values of yaw. Analysis indicates that the positive values of sideslip occur in this case because the vehicle has relatively high values of the ratio of yaw inertia to roll inertia and therefore tends to roll about its X-axis. The initial sideslip angle generated by this type of rolling motion can be expressed as $\sin \beta = \sin \alpha \sin \phi$; this angle increases with



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the angles of attack and roll. Positive values of β are therefore introduced in a right roll, and these values of β are adverse in this instance since rolling moments which oppose the rolling motion are introduced through the effective dihedral parameter $-C_{l_{\beta}}$.

Until recently the criterion for evaluating roll performance of airplanes was through the use of the nondimensional rolling parameter pb/2V. The roll response data of figures 20 to 22 were analyzed in terms of this parameter and the results are presented in figure 23. Also presented in this figure is the roll requirement for fighter type aircraft (pb/2V = 0.05) based on present military handling qualities requirements. The data of figure 23 show that the HL-10 vehicle has values of pb/2V which are considerably below the required value for satisfactory roll response. Although the vehicle is deficient in roll response with regard to the parameter pb/2V, recent flight tests with high-speed, highly swept aircraft have brought about discrepancies between pilot ratings and military specifications based on this rolling-performance factor. Such discrepancies have led to research investigations with the objective of arriving at a more realistic rolling performance criterion for modern high-speed aircraft and reentry vehicles. At the present time there are no recognized revised military specifications for roll performance of modern aircraft, but one investigation which merits considerable attention is presented in reference 7. In this reference, revised roll performance requirements have been devised based on NASA ground simulator work as well as flight investigations. The results of this study have been used as a basis for evaluating the roll performance of and the HL-10 vehicle. Briefly, the revised criterion specifies that in the landing approach condition the vehicle shall be capable of 300 of roll in 1 second after an initiation of an abrupt aileron deflection. In addition, the time required for the rolling velocity to reach , 363 percent of the steady-state rolling velocity shall not be greater than 2 seconds.

An indication of the roll performance of the vehicle in terms of the revised criterion can be seen in figure 24 where the roll response information of figures 20 to 22 are summarized. The roll displacement data of figure 24 indicate that at an angle of attack of 14° the vehicle rolls about 110° in 1 second. As the angle of attack increases, however, the roll response decreases rapidly until near an angle of attack of about 25° the roll response levels off to about 45° in 1 second and then remains about constant at this value for most of the higher angles of attack. The decrease in roll response with increasing angle of attack can be attributed to reduced trim speeds at the higher angles of attack, increased adverse sideslip produced by rolling, and increased damping in roll. (See fig. 6(a).) In any event, an examination of the roll response data of figures 20 to 22 and figure 24 in terms of the proposed criterion indicates that the vehicle meets both the roll angle and roll rate requirements specified and therefore should have satisfactory roll control characteristics with respect to this criterion.



The calculated lateral response of the vehicle following a step rudder input is presented in figures 25 to 27 and summarized in figure 28 in terms of yaw and roll rates and angular displacements. One significant point illustrated in the data of figures 25 to 27 is that the initial roll rates and roll angles produced by rudder deflection are adverse. These initial adverse motions are produced by the rolling moment due to rudder deflection C_{l} in combination with high values of the parameter I_Z/I_X . Rolling motions such as these result in a time lag between the pilot control input and the desired rolling motion which, under some conditions, might lead to pilot-induced oscillations. The results of figure 28 show that rudder deflection produced favorable yaw and roll angles after a 1-second interval for angles of attack up to about 30° .

At the lower angles of attack, the rudder deflection used ($\delta_{\rm r}=7^{\rm o}$) was in about the right proportion to the aileron deflection used ($\delta_{\rm a}=20^{\rm o}$) to keep the initial sideslip angle relatively low in a coordinated turn. This point is illustrated in figure 29 where the sideslip angles produced by this combination of rudder and aileron deflection are plotted. This figure shows that the rudder produced a sideslip angle opposite to that produced by the ailerons and that the resulting sideslip angle was relatively small up to about 0.7 second.

Recent flight tests and simulator studies of lateral handling qualities have revealed two parameters which appear significantly to affect pilot evaluation of aircraft handling qualities. These parameters, which include the ratio of roll angle to sideslip angle $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ and the roll effectiveness parameter $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{\rm d}}\right)^2$, are derived and discussed in detail in references 9 and 11. A value of $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{\rm d}}\right)^2$ of 1.0 corresponds to a steady-state rolling velocity equivalent to that given by a one-degree-of-freedom rolling analysis. Values of $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{\rm d}}\right)^2$ less than 1.0 indicate a steady-state rolling velocity less than that of the simpli-

Values of $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}\right)^{2}$ less than 0 indicate rolling reversal; that is, the vehicle will reach a steady-state rolling velocity opposite in direction to that desired. In the investigation of reference 11, an effort was made to evaluate a range of flight conditions sufficiently large to encompass the probable dynamic characteristics of future piloted entry vehicles. During the study, evaluations were made to correlate pilot opinion of flying qualities and

fied analysis, and such a condition is generally associated with aileron adverse yaw.





flight ratings with the parameters $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ and $\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}$. The results of the investigation indicate that the pilot, in using ailerons to control bank angle, preferred values of $\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}$ near 1.0, but for high values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ and low Dutch roll damping, values of $\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}$ slightly less than 1.0 were preferred because the pilot could control the wing bank angle without introducing excessive sideslip.

Values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ and $\left(\frac{\omega\phi}{\omega_d}\right)^2$ for the HL-10 vehicle are presented in figures 30 and and 31, respectively. The data of figure 30 show that the ratio $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ varies from about 3.5 at an angle of attack of 14° to values approaching 1.0 at angles of attack between 35° and 45°. For comparison purposes, the expression for the sideslip angle generated by rolling about the X-axis at an initial angle of attack has been simplified from $\sin \beta = \sin \alpha \sin \phi$ to the term $1/\sin \alpha = \frac{\sin \phi}{\sin \beta} \approx \frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ and plotted in figure 30. The results of reference 12 indicate that this simplified expression can be used to approximate the roll-sideslip ratio of the lateral oscillation for highly swept vehicles which have already alarge values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ for the HL-10 vehicle.

The data of figure 31 show values of $\left(\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}\right)^{2}$ varying from about 0.5 to 0.7. The data of reference 4 indicate that, on the basis of the values of $\frac{|\phi|}{|\beta|}$ shown in figure 30, the HL-10 vehicle should have values of $\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}$ in a range from about 0.8 to 1.1 in order to have satisfactory flight ratings (pilot ratings of 3 or less). Since the data of figure 31 show values of $\frac{\omega_{\phi}}{\omega_{d}}$ generally less than those in this range, the results of reference 11 indicate that the HL-10 vehicle may have marginal lateral control characteristics.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An analytical investigation has been made to determine the dynamic longitudinal and lateral stability and response of the HL-10 entry vehicle with particular reference



to low-speed, high-angle-of-attack conditions. The results of the calculations have been analyzed in terms of existing military specifications for handling qualities of piloted airplanes, although it is realized that in some areas these criteria may not be directly applicable to piloted entry vehicles. For comparison purposes, some of the results of the investigation have also been analyzed in terms of several proposed criteria for piloted entry vehicles. From the results of the investigation, the following conclusions are drawn:

- 1. The vehicle was dynamically longitudinally stable for the conditions investigated, but artificial damping in pitch was required for some conditions to achieve a satisfactory degree of longitudinal stability based on military handling qualities specifications for piloted airplanes.
- 2. The vehicle had satisfactory damping of the Dutch roll oscillation for sea level conditions, but at altitude required artificial damping in roll to achieve the lateral damping specified for satisfactory lateral handling qualities.
- 3. The lateral control provided by the ailerons gave satisfactory roll response in terms of a proposed criterion for piloted entry vehicles which requires that the ailerons produce a bank angle of at least 30° in 1 second; but an evaluation of the response to roll control in terms of the sideslip induced, as well as the roll rate, indicates that the lateral control characteristics of the vehicle may be marginal.

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APPENDIX

SIX-DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM EQUATIONS OF MOTION

The following equations represent six-degree-of-freedom equations of motion about a system of body axes. The aerodynamic coefficients used in the equations were programed for the digital computer as functions of angle of attack. Solutions were obtained by the Runge-Kutta method of numerical integration.

Normal-force equation:

$$\dot{\alpha} - (\tan \alpha \tan \beta) \dot{\beta} + \left(\frac{\tan \alpha}{V}\right) \dot{V} = \frac{q_{\infty}S}{mV} \frac{C_Z + C_{Z\delta_e} \delta_e}{\cos \beta \cos \alpha} + \frac{g}{V} \left(\frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{\cos \beta \cos \alpha}\right) - \frac{p \tan \beta}{\cos \alpha} + q$$

ಿತಿ ಇತ್ತಿ ಆರಾಣ Lateral-force equation:

$$\dot{\beta} + \left(\frac{\tan \beta}{V}\right) \dot{V} = \frac{q_{\infty}S}{mV \cos \beta} \left[C_{Y\beta}\beta + C_{Y\delta_a}\delta_a + C_{Y\delta_r}\delta_r + \frac{b}{2V} \left(C_{Yp}p + C_{Yr}r \right) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{g}{V} \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{\cos \beta}\right) + p \sin \alpha - r \cos \alpha$$

Longitudinal-force equation:

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi i \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3}$$

Pitching-moment equation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{Z}} - \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{X}}}{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{Y}}}\right) \mathbf{pr} + \frac{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}}}{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{Y}}} (\mathbf{r}^2 - \mathbf{p}^2) + \frac{\mathbf{q}_{\infty} \mathbf{S}l}{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{Y}}} \left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathcal{Q}}} \alpha + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{m}_{\delta_{\mathbf{e}}}} \delta_{\mathbf{e}} + \frac{l}{2\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{q}}} \mathbf{q}\right)$$

Rolling-moment equation:

$$\dot{\dot{p}} = \left(\frac{I_{XZ}}{I_{X}}\right)\dot{r} + \left(\frac{I_{Y} - I_{Z}}{I_{X}}\right)qr + \left(\frac{I_{XZ}}{I_{X}}\right)pq + \frac{q_{\infty}Sb}{I_{X}}\left[C_{l\beta}\beta + C_{l\delta_{a}}\delta_{a} + C_{l\delta_{r}}\delta_{r} + \frac{b}{2V}\left(C_{lp}p + C_{lr}r\right)\right]$$



Yawing-moment equation:

$$\frac{I_{XZ}}{I_{Z}} \dot{p} - \dot{r} = \left(\frac{I_{Y} - I_{X}}{I_{Z}}\right) pq + \frac{I_{XZ}}{I_{Z}} qr - \frac{q_{\infty}Sb}{I_{Z}} \left[C_{n_{\beta}}\beta + C_{n_{\delta_{\mathbf{a}}}}\delta_{\mathbf{a}} + C_{n_{\delta_{\mathbf{r}}}}\delta_{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{b}{2V} \left(C_{n_{\mathbf{p}}}p + C_{n_{\mathbf{r}}}r\right)\right]$$

The following auxiliary equations were also used in the calculations:

$$\dot{\theta} = q \cos \phi - r \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\phi} = p + r \tan \theta \cos \phi + q \tan \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{r \cos \phi + q \sin \phi}{\cos \theta}$$



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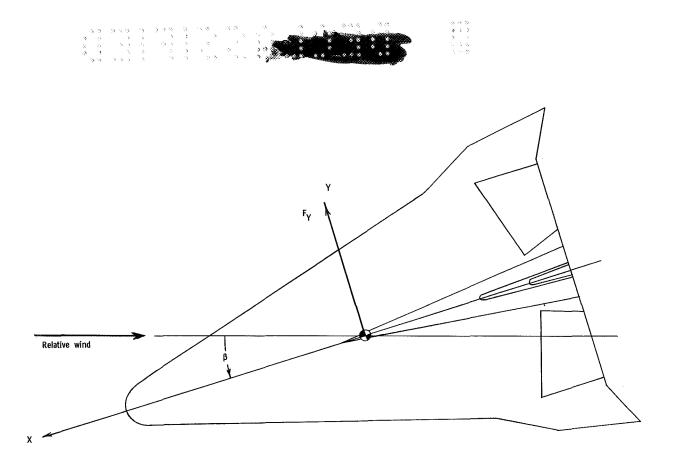
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TABLE I.- HL-10 DIMENSIONAL AND MASS CHARACTERISTICS USED IN INVESTIGATION

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b	(4.18 m)					
S	(14.86 m^2)					
l	(6.45 m)					
Weight,						
Light 5776 lbf	(25 692 N)					
Heavy 9350 lbf	(41 589 N)					
W/S,						
Light	(1728.47 N/m^2)					
Heavy	(2109.68 N/m^2)					
I_X ,						
Light 1112.0 slug-ft 2	(1507.2 kg-m^2)					
Heavy	(1808.8 kg-m ²)					
$I_{\mathbf{Y}}$,						
Light 5818.6 slug-ft ²	(7886.5 kg-m ²)					
Heavy	(8647.0 kg-m ²)					
$I_{\mathrm{Z}},$						
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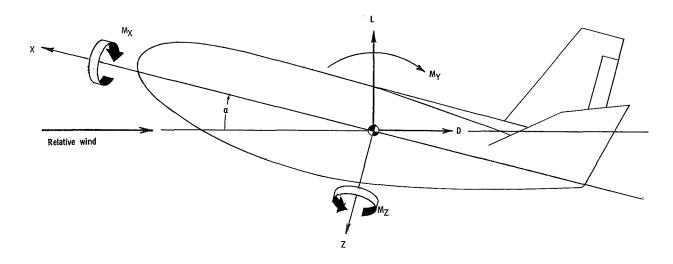


Figure 1.- System of axes used in investigation. All data are referred to body axes except lift and drag, which are referred to wind axes.

Arrows indicate positive direction of forces, moments, and angles.

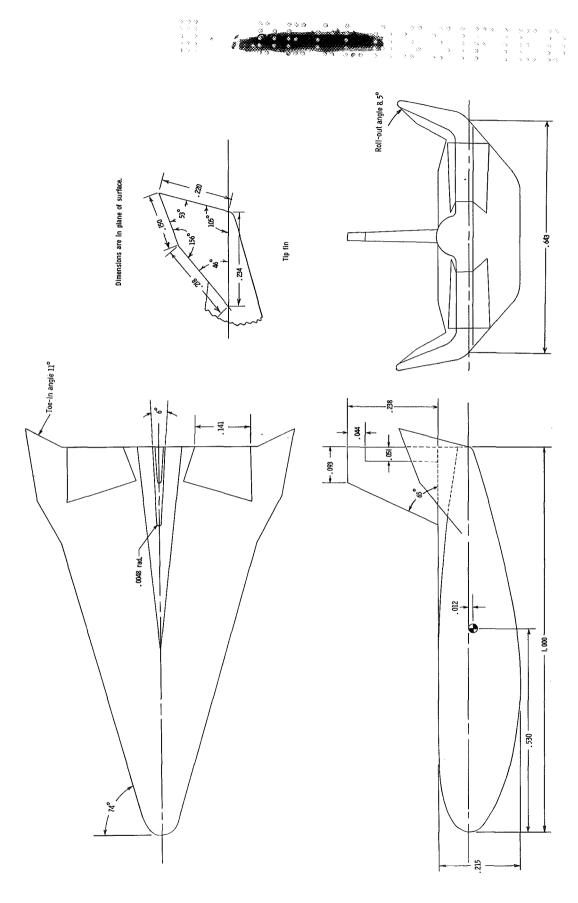


Figure 2.- Three-view drawing of HL-10 entry vehicle used in investigation. Dimensions are nondimensionalized with respect to body length.



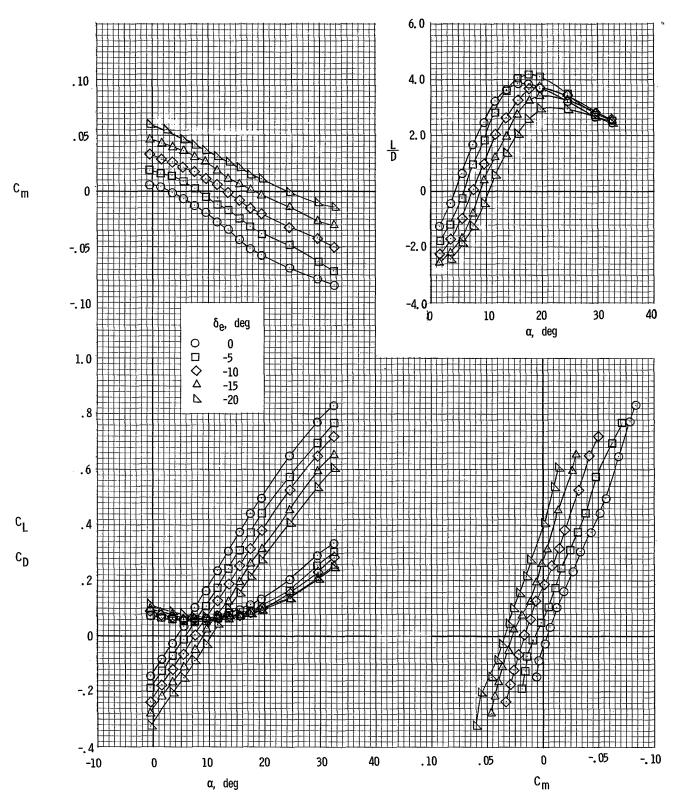


Figure 3.- Static longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of HL-10 entry vehicle. Mach number = 0.05. Data from reference 3.



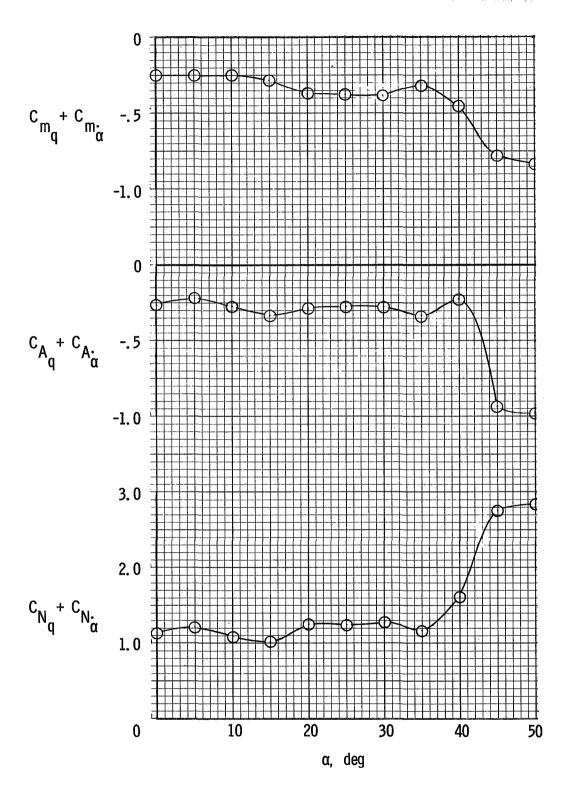


Figure 4.- Dynamic longitudinal stability derivatives of HL-10 entry vehicle. Mach number = 0.05. Data from reference 10.





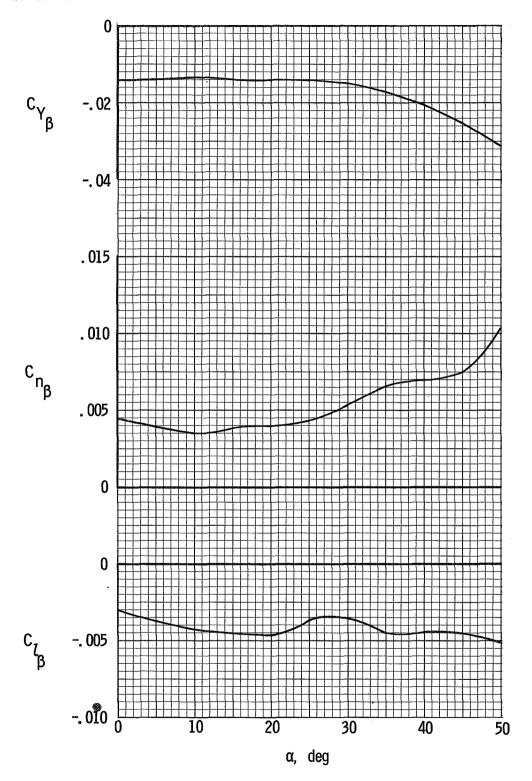
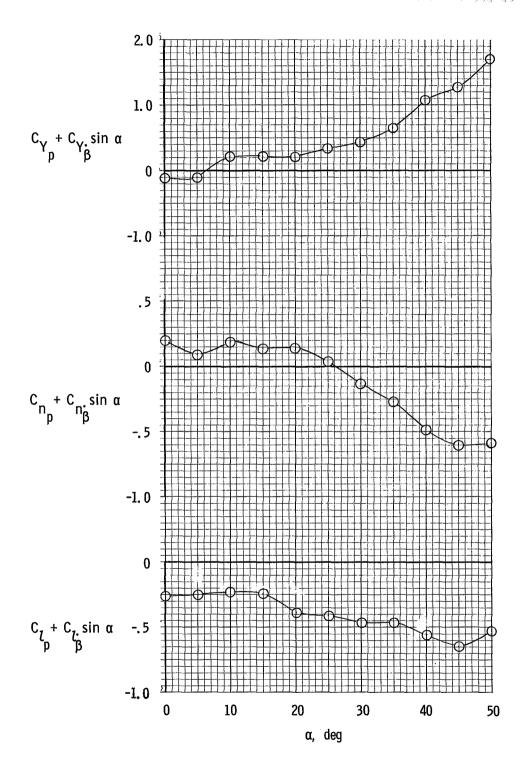


Figure 5.- Static lateral stability derivatives of HL-10 entry vehicle. Mach number = 0.05. Data from reference 10.



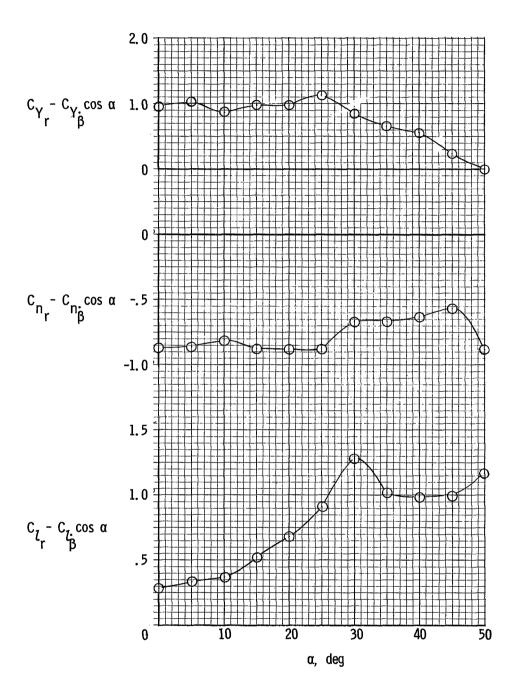


(a) Dynamic stability derivatives in roll.

Figure 6.- Dynamic lateral stability derivatives of HL-10 entry vehicle. Mach number = 0.05. Data from reference 10.

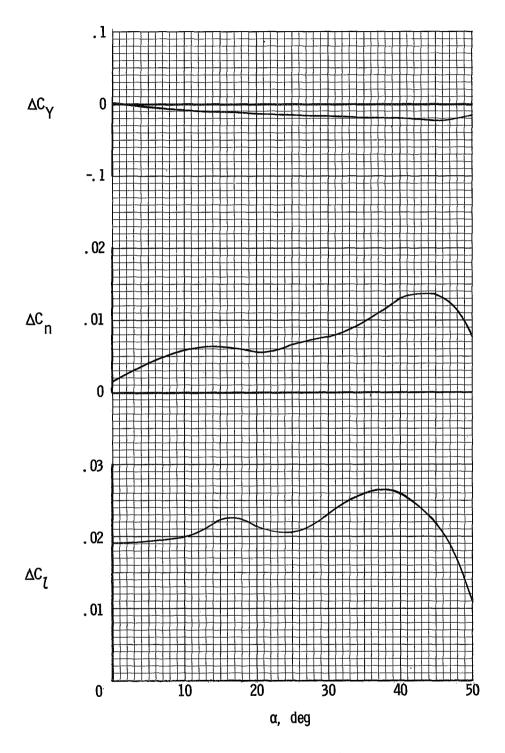






(b) Dynamic stability derivatives in yaw. Figure 6.- Concluded.



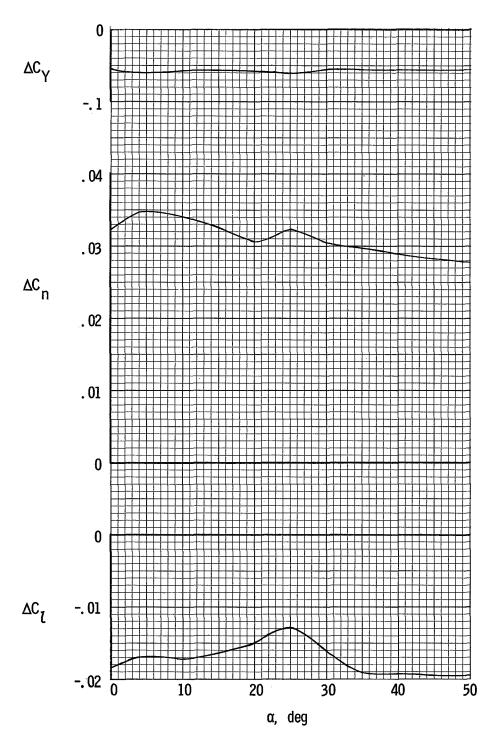


(a) Aileron control; $\delta_{eL} = 10^{\circ}$; $\delta_{eR} = -10^{\circ}$.

Figure 7.- Incremental lateral force and moment coefficients of HL-10 entry vehicle produced by aileron and rudder deflections. Mach number = 0.05. Data from reference 10.



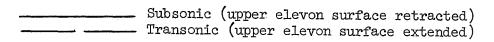




(b) Rudder control; $\delta_{\Gamma}=20^{\circ}$. Figure 7.- Concluded.



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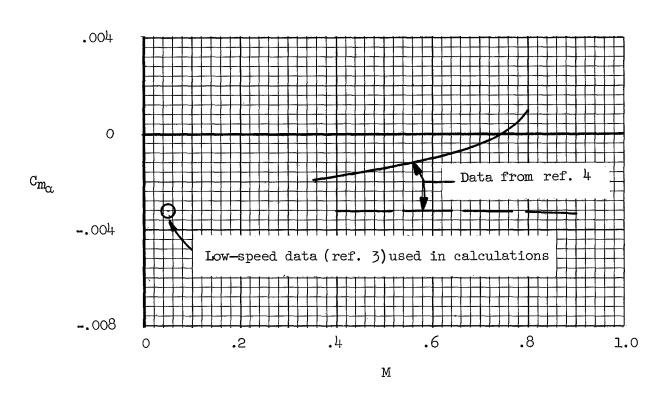
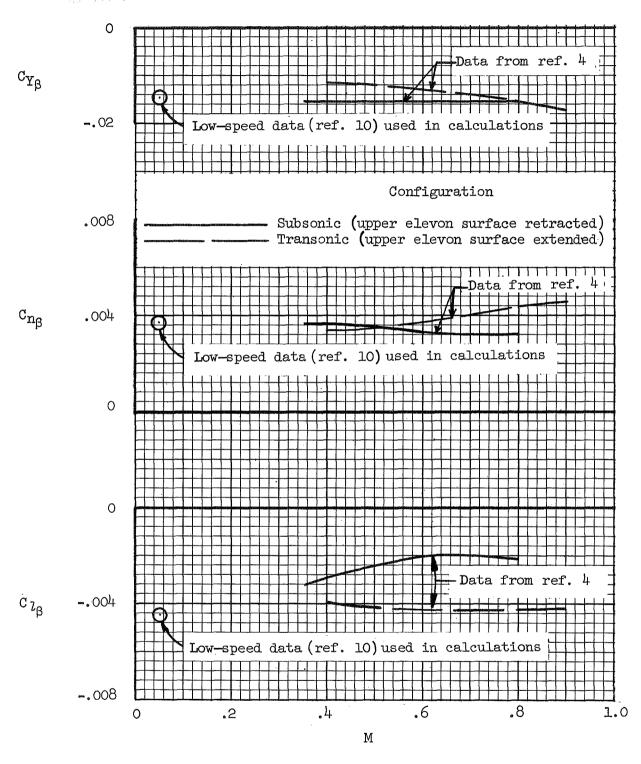


Figure 8.- Variation of static longitudinal stability parameter with Mach number for HL-10 entry vehicle.

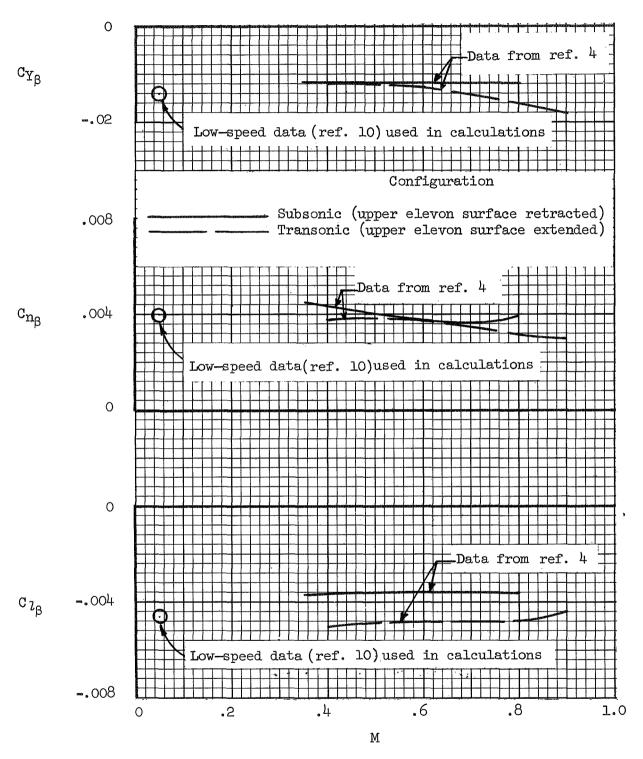






(a) $\alpha=14^0.$ Figure 9.- Variation of static lateral stability parameters with Mach number for HL-10 entry vehicle.





(b) $\alpha = 21^{\circ}$. Figure 9.- Concluded.



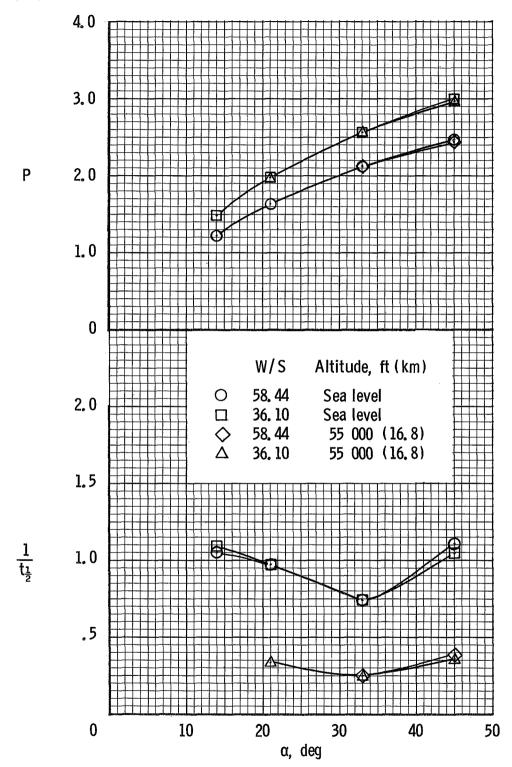


Figure 10.- Variation of period and damping characteristics of short-period longitudinal mode with angle of attack for HL-10 entry vehicle.





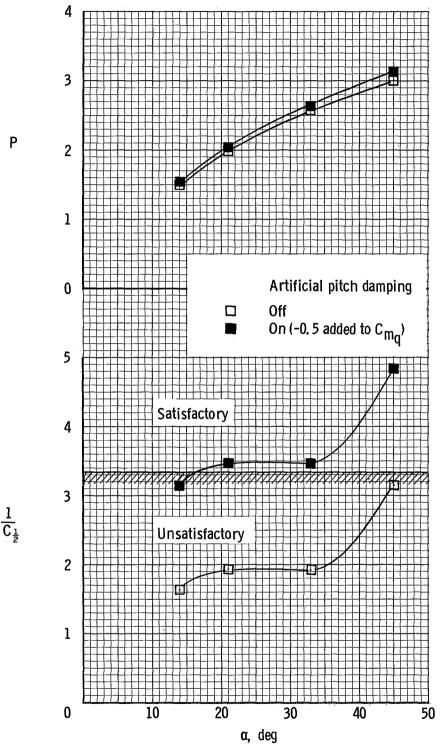


Figure 11.- Effect of damping in pitch on period and damping characteristics of short-period longitudinal mode for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; sea level.





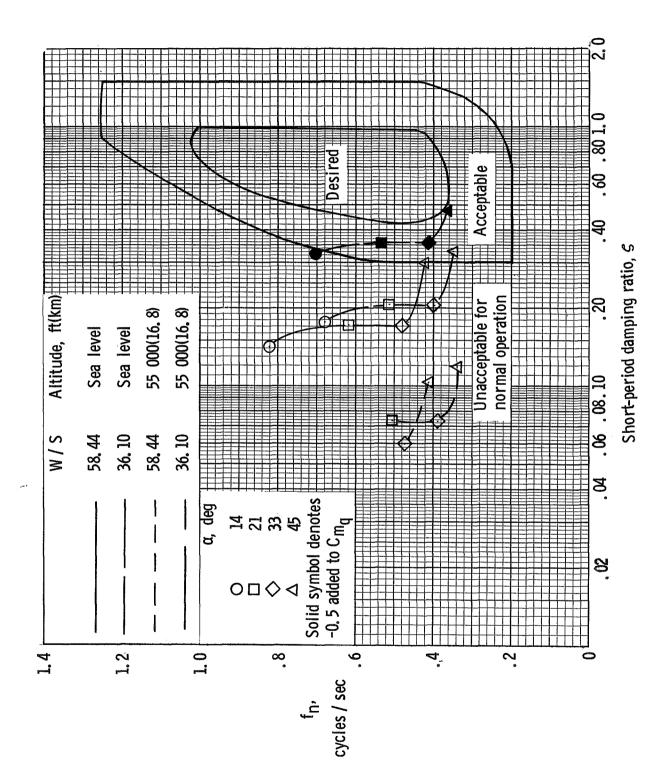


Figure 12.- Comparison of HL-10 entry vehicle longitudinal damping characteristics with handling qualities requirements from reference 7.



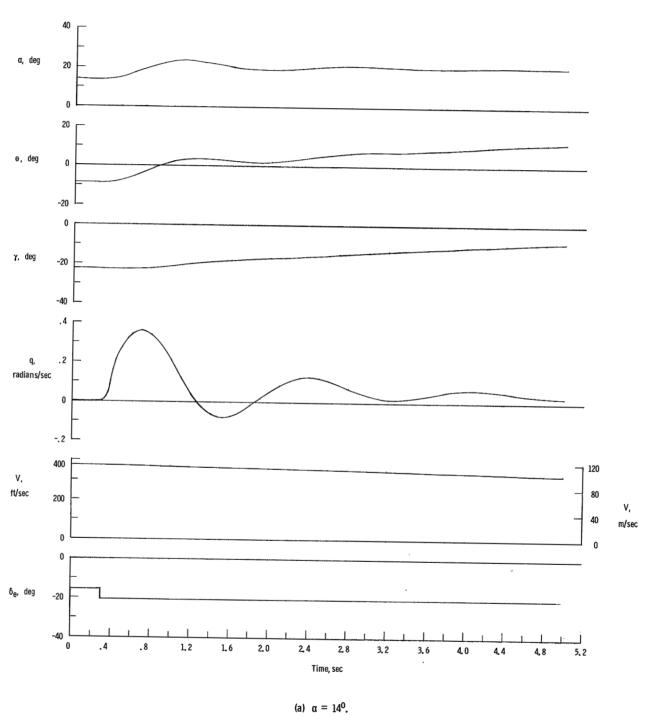
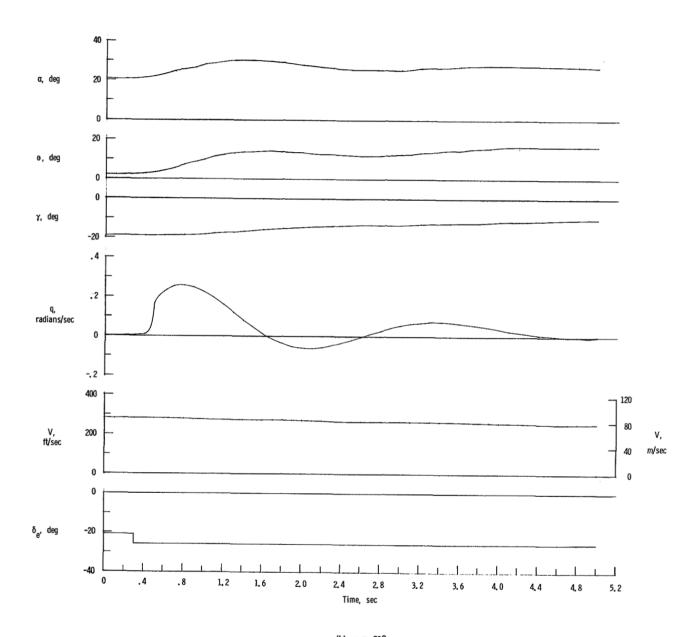


Figure 13.- Time histories of longitudinal motions following a step elevator input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; sea level.



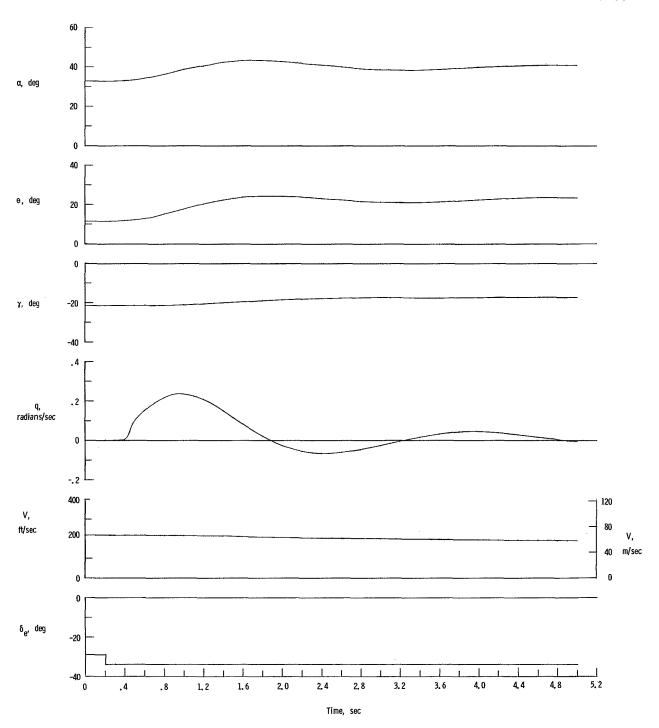




(b) $\alpha = 210$

Figure 13.- Continued.





(c) $\alpha = 33^{\circ}$.

Figure 13.- Concluded.





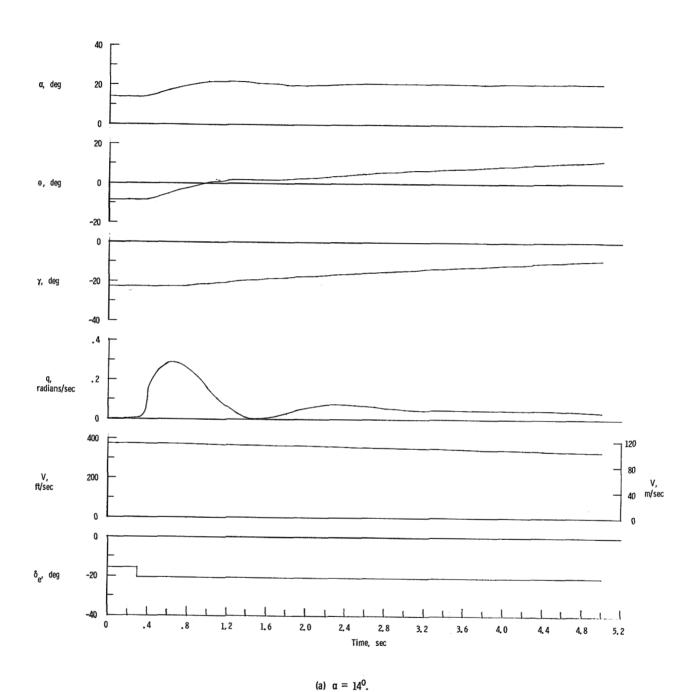


Figure 14.- Effect of damping in pitch on longitudinal motions following a step elevator input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; sea level; -0.5 added to C_{mq} .



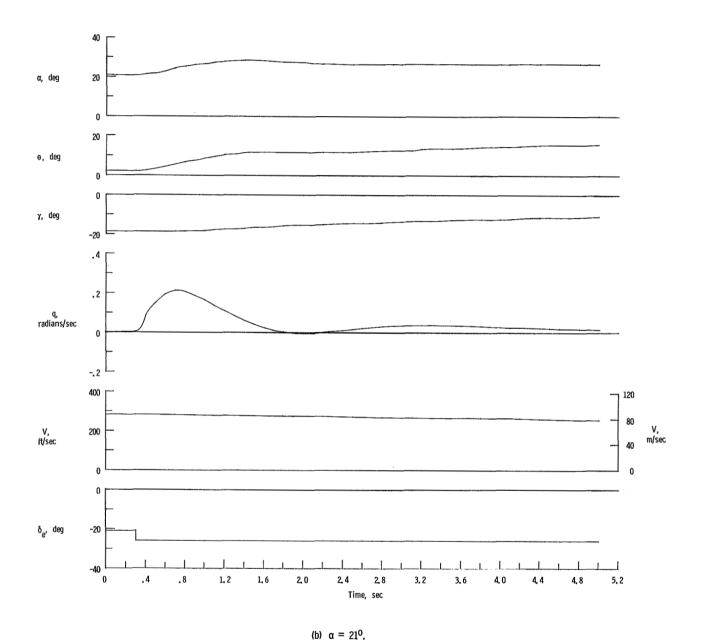


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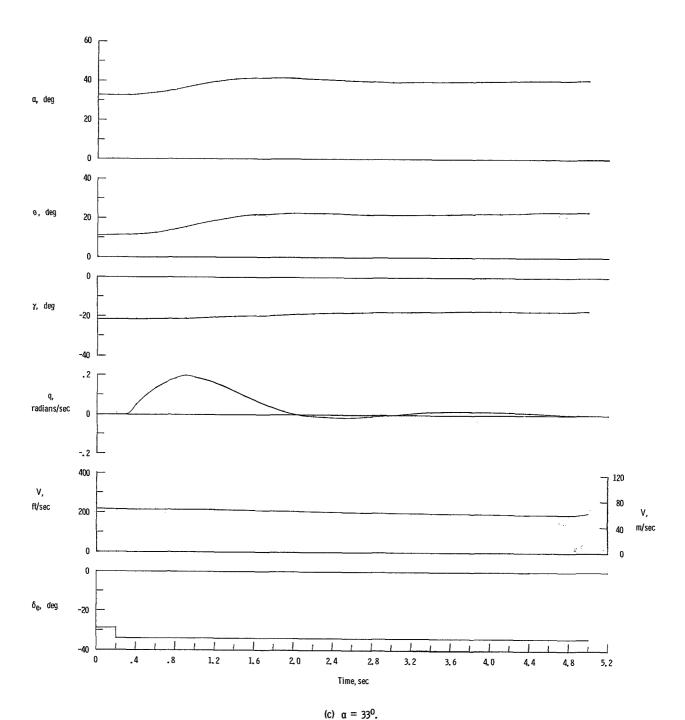


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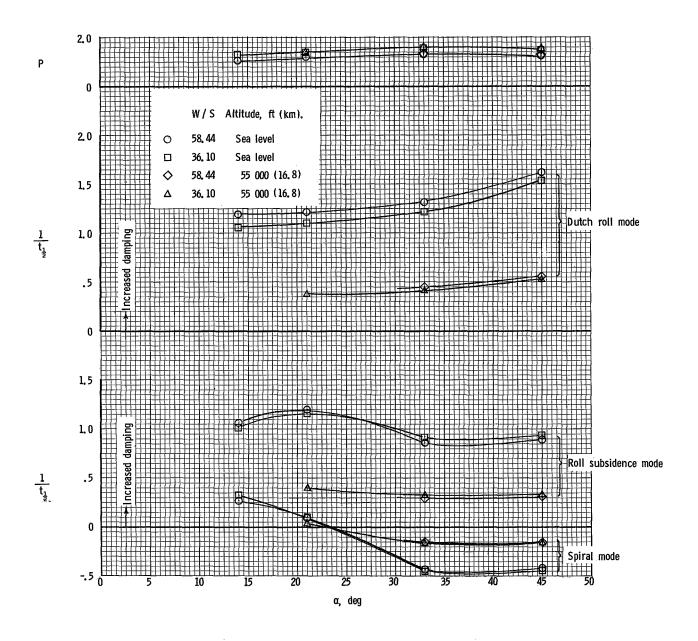


Figure 15.- Variation of period and damping of lateral modes of motion with angle of attack for HL-10 entry vehicle.





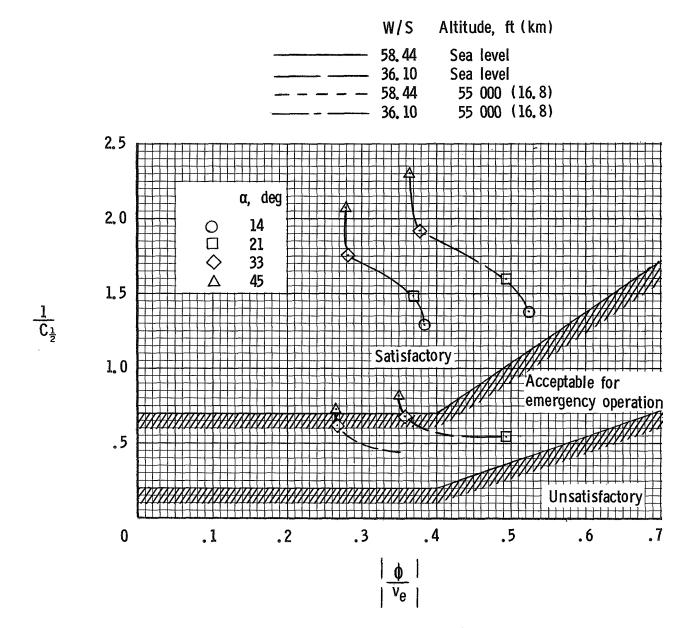


Figure 16.- Comparison of lateral damping characteristics of HL-10 entry vehicle in terms of military specifications for flying qualities of piloted airplanes.



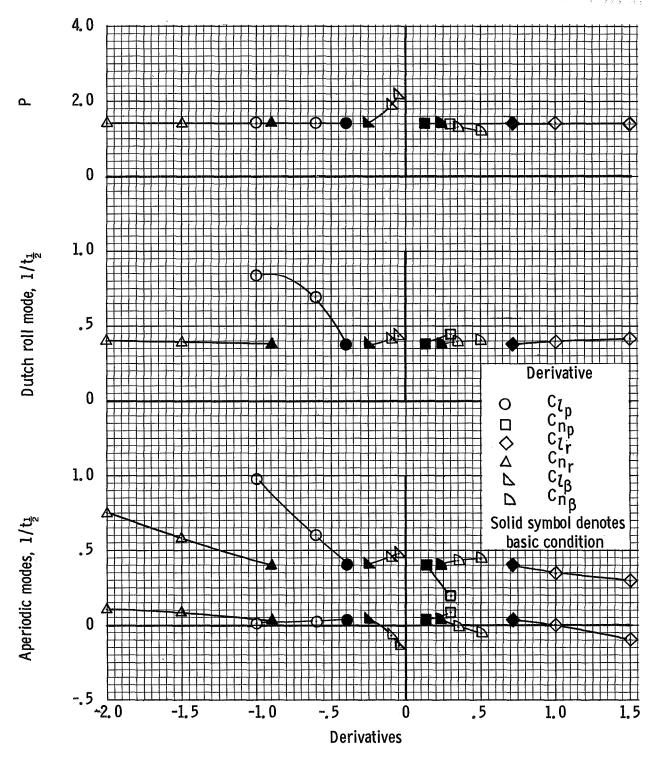


Figure 17.- Effect of derivative variation on lateral period and damping characteristics of HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; Altitude = 55 000 ft (16.8 km); α = 21°.





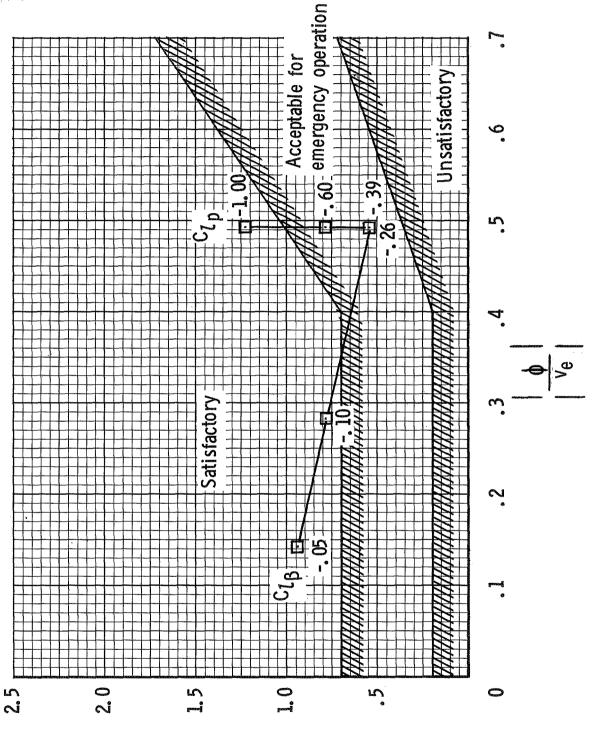


Figure 18.- Evaluation of effect of C_{lp} and C_{lb} on lateral damping characteristics of HL-10 entry vehicle in terms of handling qualities requirements. W/S = 36.10; Altitude = 55 000 ft (16.8 km); α = 210.



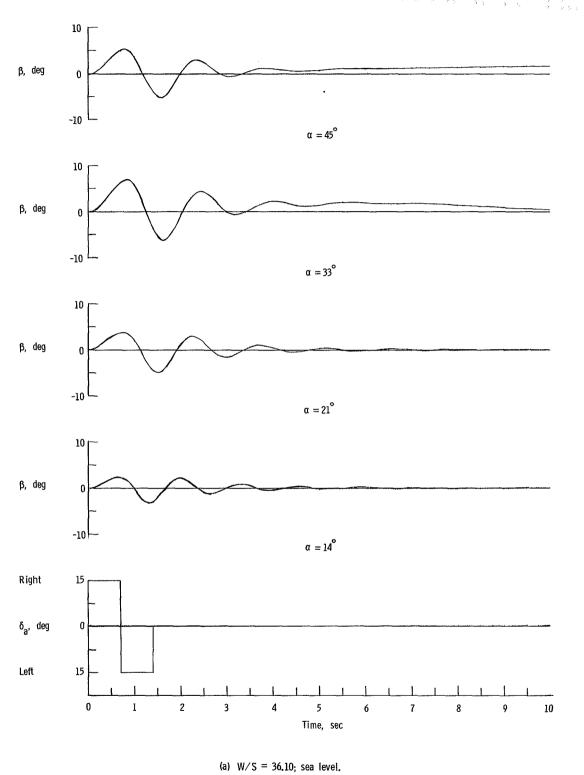
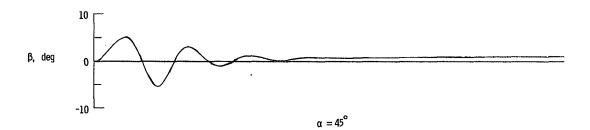
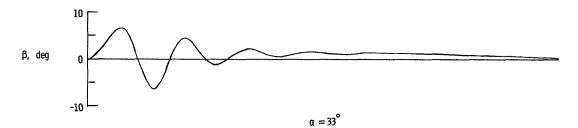
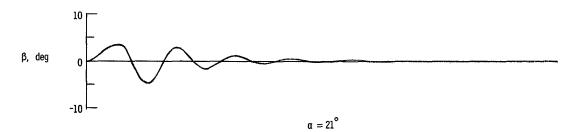


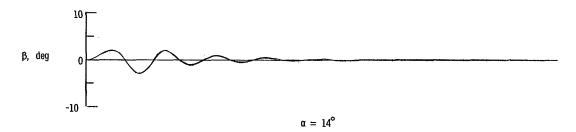
Figure 19.- Time histories of lateral motions following aileron pulse input for HL-10 entry vehicle.

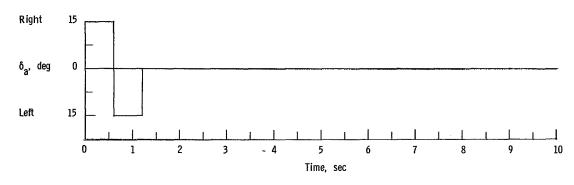






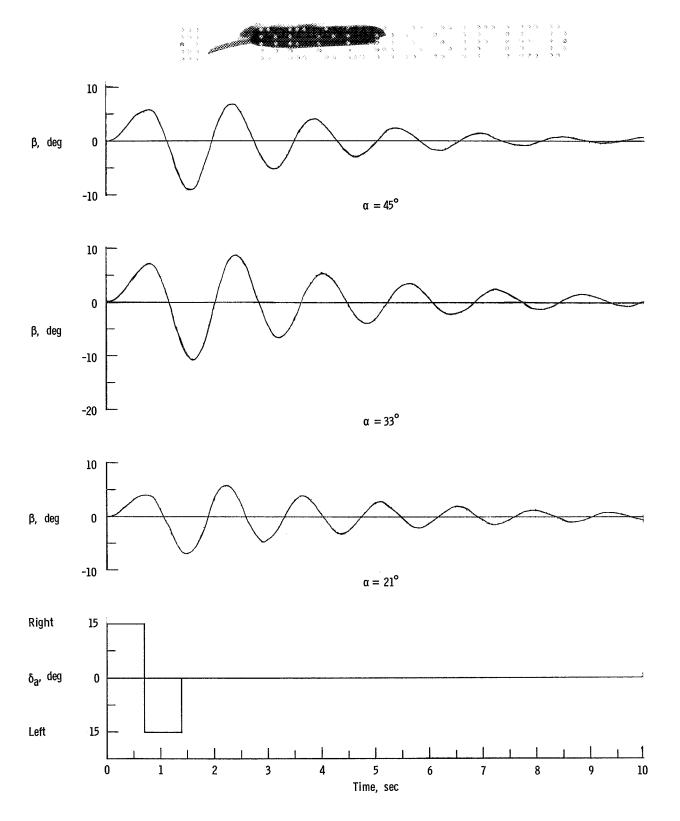






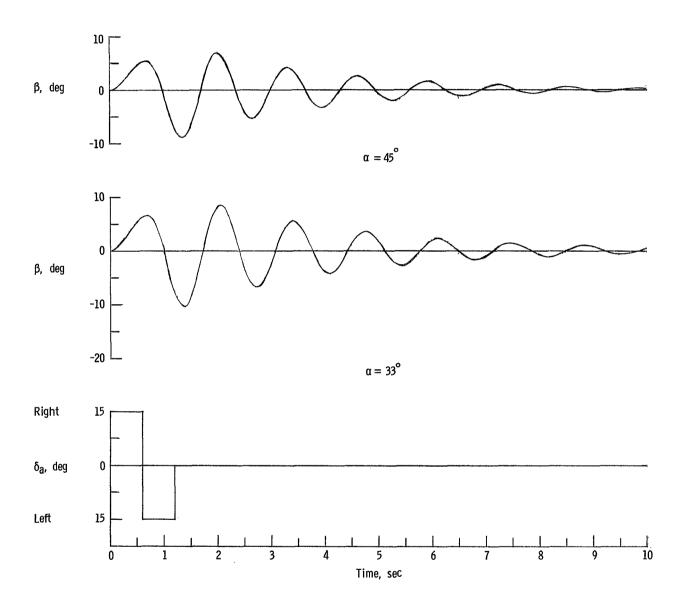
(b) W/S = 58.44; sea level.

Figure 19.- Continued.



(c) W/S = 36.10; Altitude = 55 000 ft (16.8 km). Figure 19.- Continued.





(d) W/S = 58.44; Altitude = $55\,000\,$ ft ($16.8\,$ km). Figure $19.-\,$ Concluded.



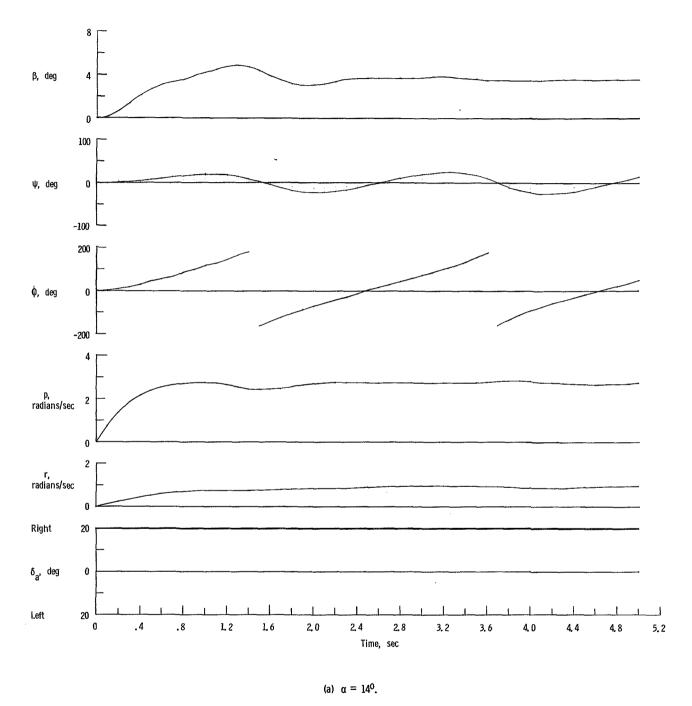
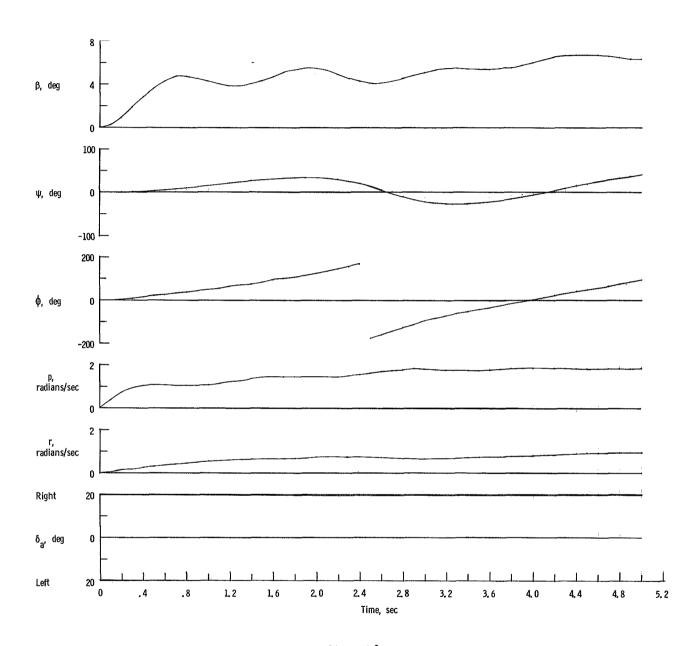


Figure 20.- Time histories of lateral motions following a step aileron input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; sea level.





(b) $\alpha = 210$.

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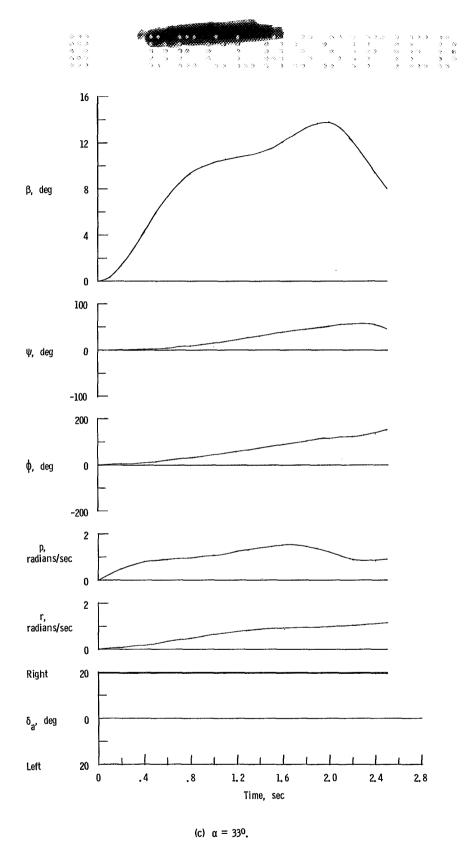


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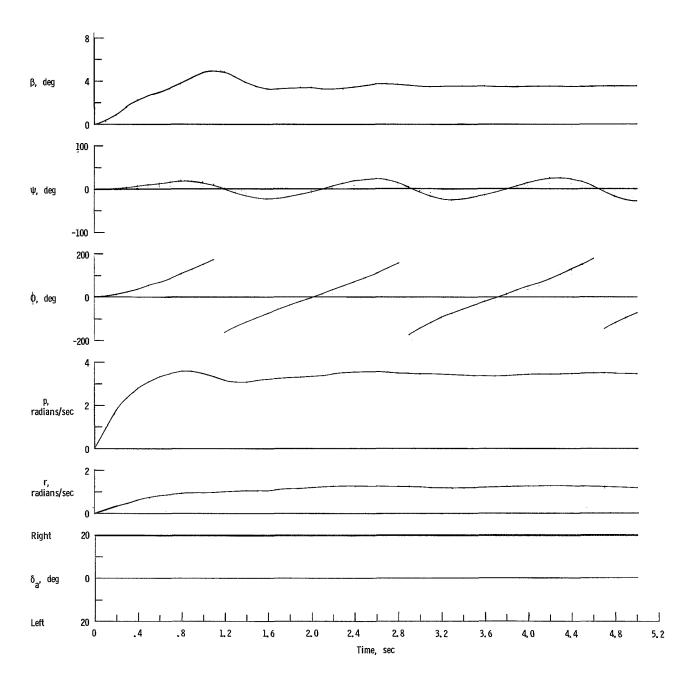


Figure 21.- Time histories of lateral motion following a step aileron input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 58.44; sea level; $\alpha = 14^{\circ}$.



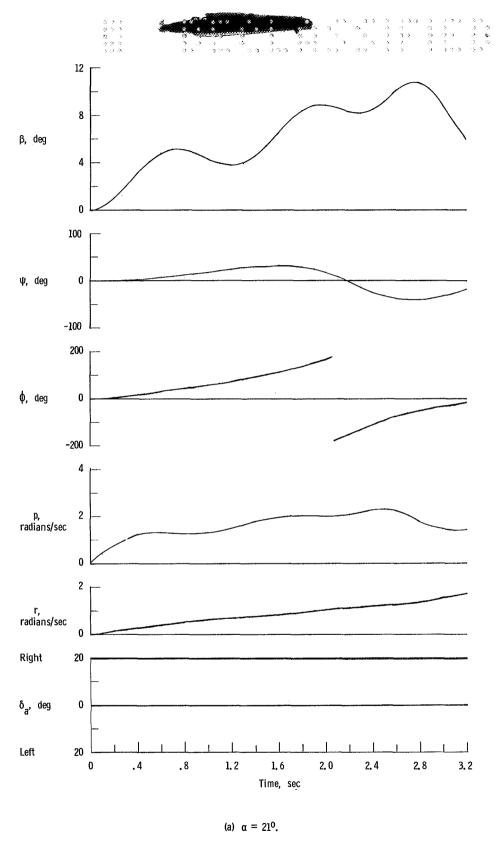


Figure 22.- Time histories of lateral motions following a step aileron input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; Altitude = 55 000 ft (16.8 km).





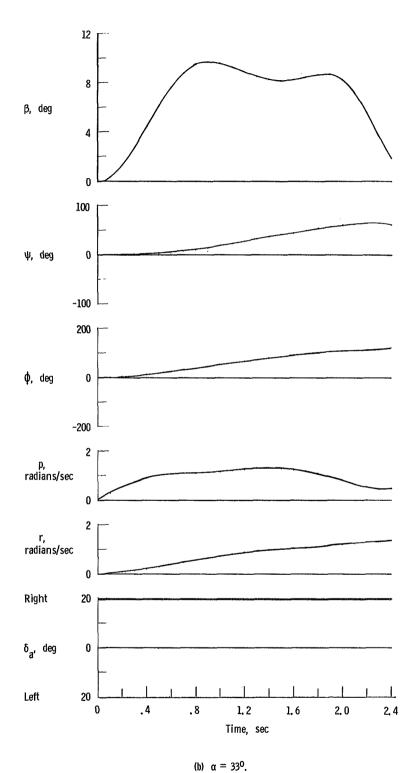


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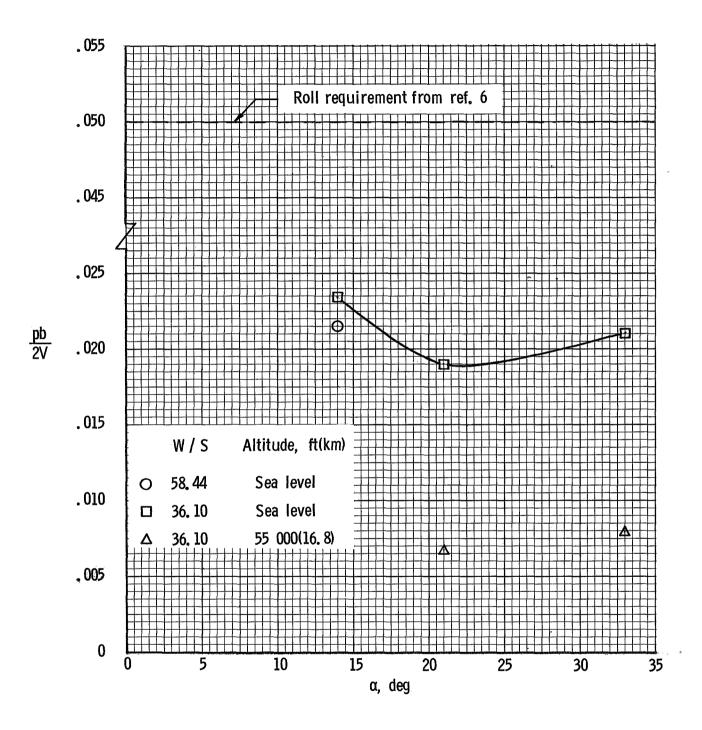


Figure 23.- Calculated roll effectiveness parameter pb/2V for HL-10 entry vehicle based on present military handling qualities requirements for piloted airplanes.



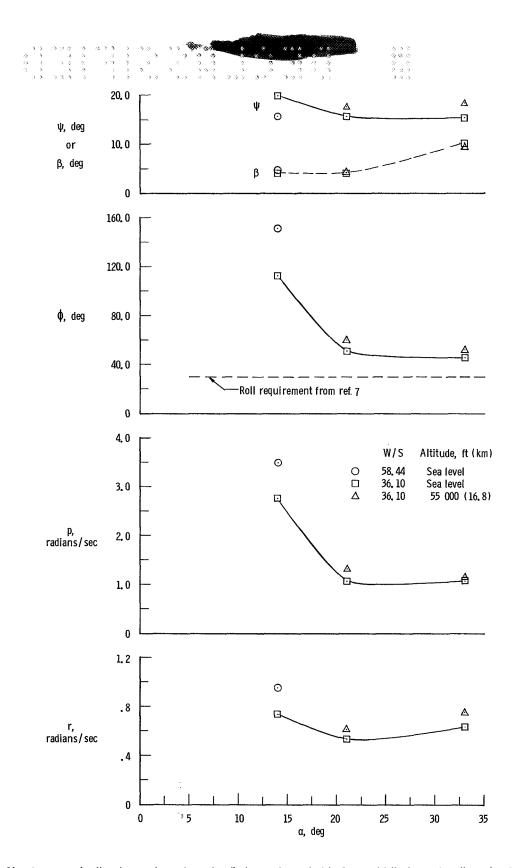


Figure 24.- Summary of roll and yaw rates and angular displacements reached in 1 second following a step aileron input. Data from figures 20 to 22.





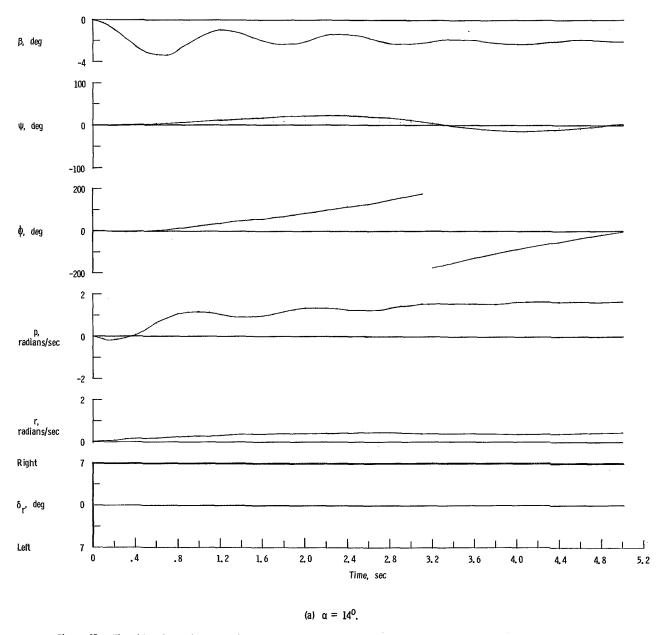
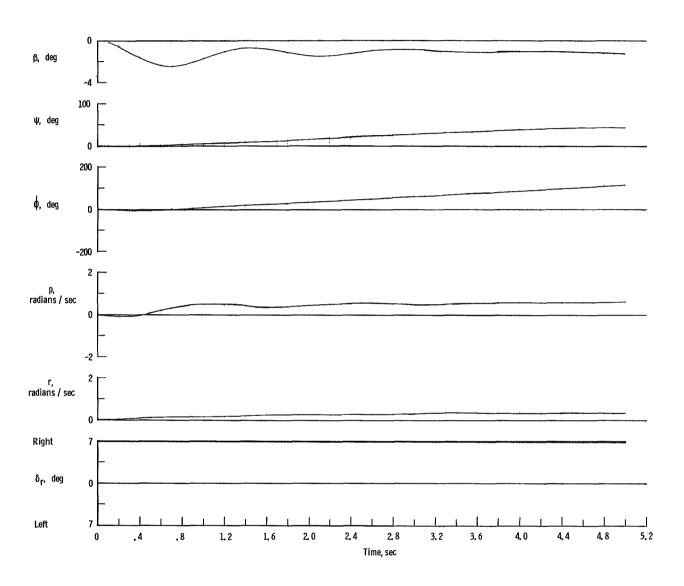


Figure 25.- Time histories of lateral motions following a step rudder input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 36.10; sea level.





(b) $\alpha = 21^{\circ}$. Figure 25.- Continued.





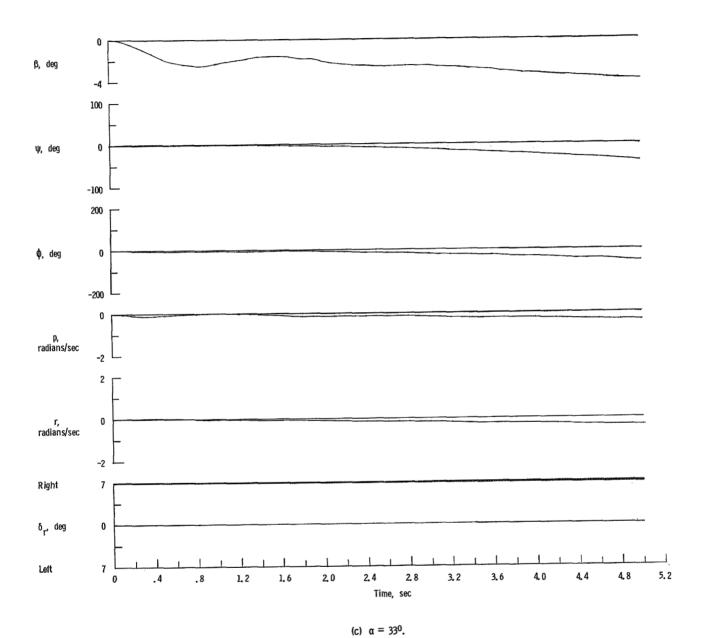


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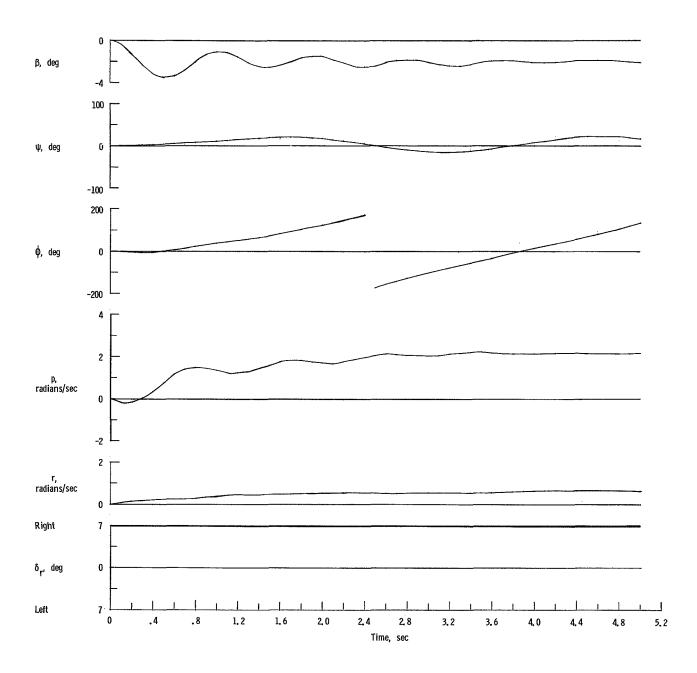


Figure 26.- Time histories of lateral motions following a step rudder input for HL-10 entry vehicle. W/S = 58.44; sea level; $\alpha = 14^{\circ}$.



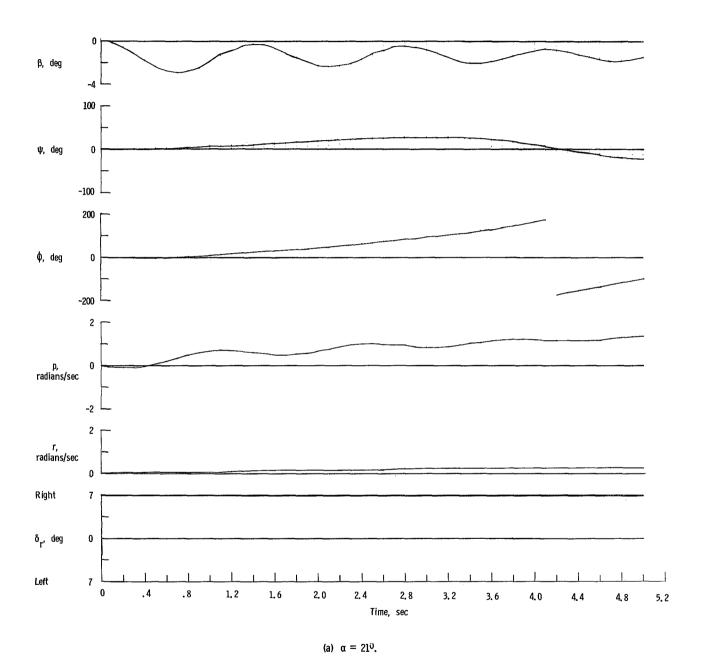


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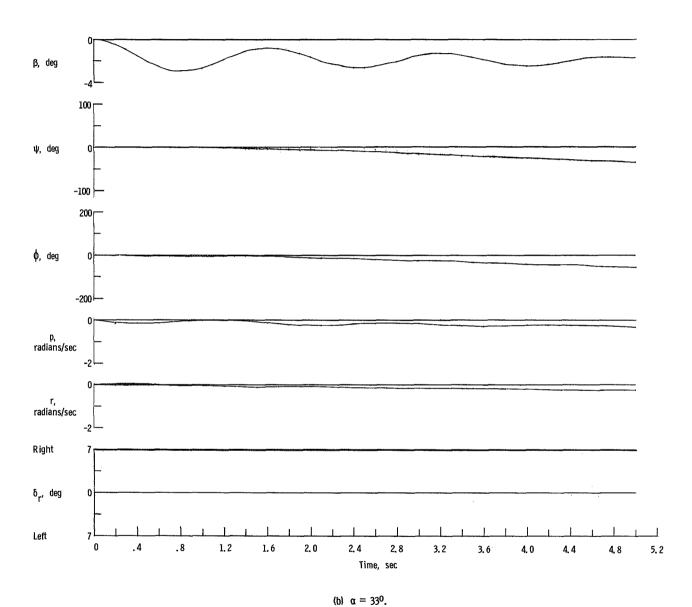


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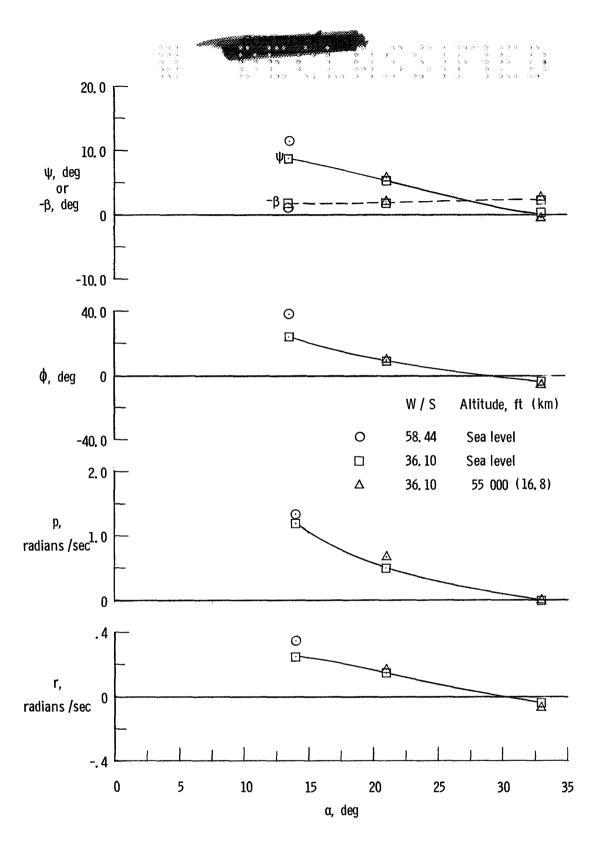


Figure 28.- Summary of yaw and roll rates and angular displacements reached in 1 second following a step rudder input. Data from figures 25 to 27.



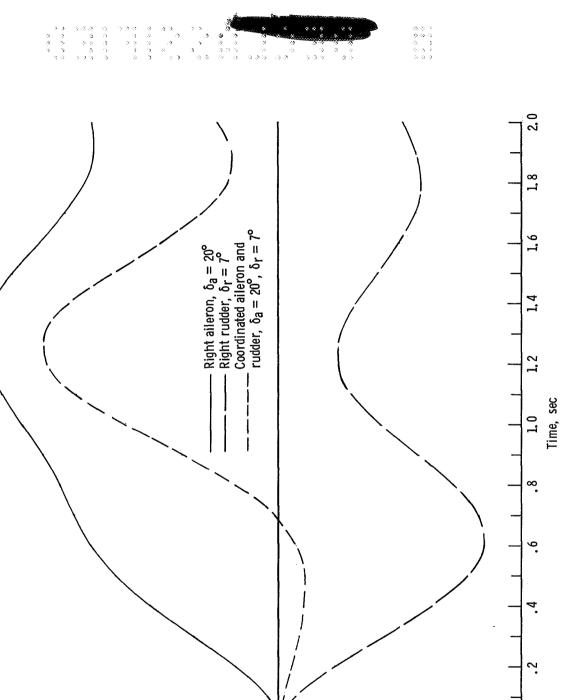


Figure 29. Time history of sideslip angle produced by step alleron and rudder inputs. W/S = 36.10, sea level; $\alpha = 14^{\circ}$.



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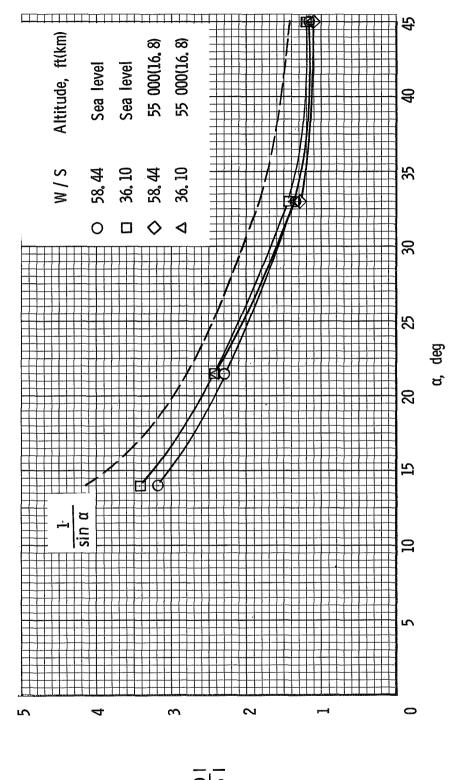


Figure 30.- Variation of roll-sideslip ratio with angle of attack for HL-10 entry vehicle.

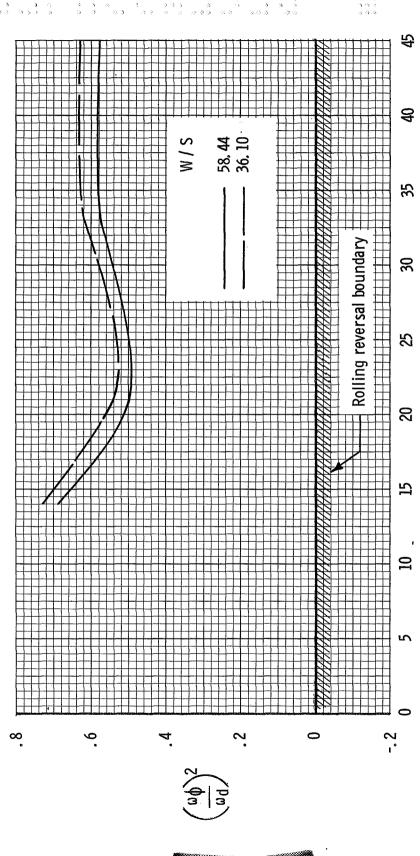


Figure 31.- Variation of rolling effectiveness parameter with angle of attack for HL-10 entry vehicle. Sea level.

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